

*Executive Proclamation  
State of South Dakota  
Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Nursing assistants are essential in the lives of the people in their care, and each nursing assistant is called to create an environment of caring for a patient or resident and the worker as well; and,

*Whereas*, Nursing assistants are also called upon to work with others who may present a myriad of personalities, habits, and preferences, as well as physical care needs; and,

*Whereas*, A nursing assistant knows that simply performing a procedure correctly does not necessarily ensure the desired results; and,

*Whereas*, The experienced nursing assistant knows that good skills can make a world of difference to an individual who is lonely, confused or in pain, or has a poor appetite or problems getting out of a chair; and,

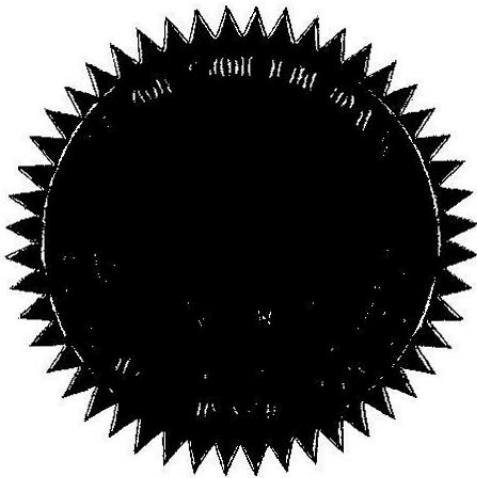
*Whereas*, Nursing assistants are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation and world, and they are especially important to our elderly in long-term care facilities; and,

*Whereas*, Public recognition of nursing assistants provides a valuable service, not only for making nursing assistants more visible, but to also lend assurance to concerned family members that their loved one will receive the special care they need and deserve:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 12-19, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to join with the South Dakota Health Care Association and the state of South Dakota to recognize and validate the role of the nursing assistant in the health care system.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State